

# **Profile characteristics of members of farmer producer organizations (FPOs) in Andhra Pradesh**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Organising small and marginal producer farmers was the primary concept of FPO. The study was carried out in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh to know the profile characteristics of members of FPOs. Nearly half (43.34%) of members were in middle aged category followed by nearly one third (28.33%) of the members belong to high school, over one third (40.00%) of the members belong to small family, whereas related to family type, majority (76.67%) of the members belong to nuclear family. Related to farming experience, nearly half (43.34%) of members belong to medium farming experience. Annual income resulted that nearly half (46.67%) of members belong to medium level of annual income. Landholding resulted that nearly half (44.17%) of the members were small farmers, nearly fifty (49.17%) of members belong to medium level of group leadership, majority (64.17%) of members belong to medium level of group cohesiveness. With respect to decision making, nearly half (42.50%) of members belong to medium level of decision making. In the case of trainings received, over one third (39.17%) of members belong to two trainings. Where as in the case of information seeking behaviour, nearly half (45.00%) of members belong to medium level. Risk orientation resulted that nearly half (43.33%) of the members belong to medium level of risk orientation. Over one third (39.17%) of the members belong to medium level of extension contact, where as in the case of extension participation, majority (50.83%) of the members belong to medium level of extension participation. Mass media utilization resulted that over half (52.50%) of members belong to high level of mass media utilization.

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